

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Performance level selection is carried out by calculating a plurality of
5 performance requests using a plurality of performance request calculating algorithms,
combining those different performance requests to form a global performance request
and then selecting a performance level in dependence upon the global performance
level request. The performance request calculating algorithms can be arranged in a
hierarchy with their performance requests evaluated in a sequence starting from the
10 least dominant position in the hierarchy and moving through to the most dominant
position in the hierarchy. Commands may accompany each performance level request
to specify how it should be combined with other performance level requests.

[Figure 5]